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April 09, 2003

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Subject: AN UPBEAT HAMDAN ASSURES THAT UAEG  
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STRIKE BAGHDAD EMBASSY  
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REF: State 89928

1. (U) Classified by Ambassador Marcelle M. Wahba  
for reasons 1.5 (B) and (D).

2. (S) The Ambassador contacted an extremely upbeat  
MFA Minstate Shaykh Hamdan bin Zayid Al-Nahyan on

4/9 to convey reftel talking points. Hamdan was not at all worried, noting that the UAE diplomatic staff in Baghdad exited the country. Were the embassy to be inadvertently hit, Hamdan assured, the UAEG would understand; he fully realizes the complexity of the situation.

13. (S) Hamdan said he had been following the dramatic television coverage of the day's events in Baghdad and was very pleased to see footage of Iraqis celebrating in the streets and speaking out about the regime. One image -- that of an Iraqi hitting a picture of Saddam's face with the bottom of shoe -- captured the day's emotions, in Hamdan's view.

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